

**CITY OF FITCHBURG
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2008

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE: Tom Starr, Chairman, Phil Chalifoux, Mike Donnelly, Harry Karis, John Koutonen, Kevin Sanders (associate member)

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Mike O'Hara

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Veteran's Room, First Floor, City Hall.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Forest Hill Cemetery

Phil Jordan, Cemetery Commissioner in to continue discussion about work in cemetery.

Only about 1/5 of pond is remaining from years ago.

Commission – OK to cut dead maple and triple maple that's dead and cut invasives, including loosestrife. OK to cut grass along the pond.

After discussion, commission determines need :

- Existing conditions plan from DPW-Engineering so we have record.
- Commission determines how much fill to pull back and how much wetlands to replicate.
- Chuck Caron to prepare wetlands replication plan.

Local Wetlands Ordinance & Draft Regulations

Discussion on Draft Regs.

Since Ordinance not final yet, will need to advertise & schedule hearing at future meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice of Intent - Newark America, Snows Mill pond dam improvements

(postponed from 5-27-07)

Tighe & Bond had requested a postponement to September meeting. Commission agreed to postpone to Sept. 30.

Notices of Intent - Labell Construction, Depot & Fairmount St., four two-unit & five three-unit townhouse dwellings (continued from 7-29-08)

Continued to September meeting.

Notice of Intent - Lavoie, Scott Rd. & Ashby West Road single-family dwelling

This is a re-application of #155-467, which had expired after three years

Shaun Francis of Graz Engineering presented plan.

Commission reviewed report from Tim Smith. Delineation is accurate. Tim had several suggestions to prevent a wet basement, which were incorporated into the special conditions.

Commission voted 5-0 to approve OOC with those special conditions.

Erosion & Sediment Control Plan - Habitat for Humanity of North Central Mass., corner Allen Place & Huron Street - three-family dwelling

Discussed project with Mike Nobrega of Habitat and Dan Favreau, site contractor.

Need changes to plan – need more erosion controls, look into tying into storm drain towards Daniels Street rather than connecting to combined sewer. If can't tie into storm drain line, is retention and infiltration on site an option?

Catchbasin in street may need to be rebuilt.

Will need to hydroseed site. Need to get answer on storm drain.

Continued to September meeting.

Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation #2 - Westminster Hill Realty Co.,
off Hemlock Dr., St. Jude Blvd. & Ashburnham St.

Hearing opened, but continued to September meeting to allow Tim chance to review & make report.

Notice of Intent - Labell Construction, Fairmount St. & Depot Street Lots P-1 - P-5
(continued from 6-24-08)

Request to continue to next month received from Hannigan Engineering. They are revising plans.

Commission agreed to continuance to Sept. 30

OTHER BUSINESS:

15 Parson Circle - Westminster St.

Mrs. Aldrich in to discuss situation. They presented photos to the Commission of abutting property owned by

Stormwater coming off paved area on abutting property has eroded down steep slope & caused damage to their property.

Motion made & seconded to adjourn. Vote unanimous.

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 p.m.